

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR THE YOKAYO BIOFUELS, INC. PROJECT
“A CATALYST FOR SUCCESS” (ARV-11-030)**

Project:

Grant ARV-11-030 for \$1,860,330.00 to Yokayo Biofuels, Inc., proposed under solicitation PON-11-601 of the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. Grant will be used to fund the expansion and conversion of a biodiesel production facility located in Mendocino County.

Project Location:

350 Orr Springs Road, Ukiah (Mendocino County), California 95482.

Lead Agency:

California Energy Commission
Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division
1516 Ninth Street, MS-15
Sacramento, CA 95814

Public Review Period:

- July 9, 2012: Beginning of public review and comment period
- August 8, 2012: Last day of public review and comment period
- August 8, 2012: Commission decision at a regularly scheduled public Business Meeting, beginning at 10:00 AM in Hearing Room A, 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Availability of Documents:

The Energy Commission Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are available at the following locations:

- Online, at [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/altfuels/>]
- At the California Energy Commission Library, located at 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM

Brief Project Description:

Yokayo Biofuels, Inc. proposes to update and expand an existing biodiesel production facility in unincorporated Mendocino County at 350 Orr Springs Road near the city of Ukiah, California. The proposal involves the constructing of new production, laboratory, and storage facilities. Project includes, but is not limited to, installation of three pipelines, removal of an existing structure, HVAC upgrades, fire prevention/safety upgrades, bioswale installation, resurfacing of the onsite hardtop, and improvements to

the existing driveway. The project is located on an existing industrial site that is fully developed and that is surrounded by industrial uses and agricultural operations.

Findings:

Based on the attached initial study, Energy Commission staff have determined that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent.. Therefore, staff has prepared and recommends that the Commission adopt the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

Public Comment:

This Notice of Intent has been mailed to the owners and occupants of property contiguous to the project site. This Notice of Intent has been posted on site at 350 Orr Springs Road, Ukiah, California 95482 and off site at the County of Mendocino Department of Planning and Building Services, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California 95482.

Oral Comments

The Commission will accept oral comments during the August 8, 2012 Business Meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written Comments

Written comments are accepted during the public review period stated above. Please submit written comments to the Special Projects Office by 9:00 a.m. on August 8, 2012. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding. Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website for the proceeding.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the grant number ARV-11-030 and indicate "Yokayo – Mitigated Negative Declaration" in the subject line. Send comments to:

[jacob.orenberg@energy.ca.gov]

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

California Energy Commission
Special Projects Office
Re: ARV-11-030 Yokayo – Mitigated Negative Declaration
1516 Ninth Street, MS-23
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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If you have questions on the subject matter of this proceeding, please contact Jacob Orenberg at [jacob.orenberg@energy.ca.gov] or (916) 654-3888.